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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:  
Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the  
[ X ] patent application of

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For: AUTOMATIC PROMPTING FOR PRINTER INK REFILL

[ X ] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
U.S. Provisional Application No.: 60/238,581, Filed October 6, 2000,  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- [ X ] 25 page(s) of specification  
[ X ] 5 page(s) of claims  
[ X ] 1 page of Abstract  
[ X ] 14 sheet(s) of [ ] formal [ X ] informal drawing(s).  
[ X ] A [ ] signed [ X ] unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney

|  | (Col. 1)  | (Col. 2)  |
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| FOR:                                   | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA |
| BASIC FEE                              |           |           |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                           | 38 - 20   | = *18     |
| INDEP. CLAIMS                          | 2 - 3     | = *0      |
| [ ] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED |           |           |

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| RATE         | FEE      |
|--------------|----------|
|              | \$355.00 |
| x \$9.00 =   |          |
| x \$40.00 =  |          |
| + \$135.00 = |          |
| TOTAL        |          |

**OTHER THAN  
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| RATE         | FEE      |
|--------------|----------|
|              | \$710.00 |
| x \$18.00 =  | \$0      |
| x \$80.00 =  | \$0      |
| + \$270.00 = |          |
| TOTAL        | \$0      |

**In View of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f),  
Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.**

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